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Dear Ms. Bernthal:

On Friday, September 30th, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary advisory council passed a resolution regarding the potential threat of oil and gas exploration activities with the Sanctuary as a result of the recent passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by the United States Congress. The resolution passed unanimously. The text of the resolution is included below. The council respectfully requests that you convey this letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Chair of the State of Washington's Interim Ocean Policy Working Group convened by the Governor.

The following is the text of the resolution as passed:

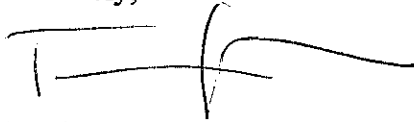
The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. No. 109-58) with its mandated comprehensive inventory of off-shore oil and gas resources and the increases in world hydro-carbon prices, are creating severe pressure for inventory and exploration activities within National Marine Sanctuaries. The energy bill and its inventory require the use of all available technologies, such as seismic technologies with their accompanying threats to marine mammals and fish.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary establishing legislation (P.L. 102-587 (§ 2207) and regulations (15 CFR 922.152) specifically prohibit exploring for, developing or producing oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary boundaries. The Advisory Committee requests the Superintendent convey this information to the National Marine Sanctuary office and to the Governor's Ocean Policy Working Group.

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The views of this letter represent the advisory council views only and do not necessarily represent the views of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary or the National Marine Sanctuary Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrie Klinger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Terrie Klinger, Chair
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council